Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Monday 21 Sep 2020 until 23:59 on Tuesday 22 Sep 2020

Forecast Issued on Monday 21 Sep 2020 at 02:46 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for dry conditions until Tuesday and for a change to much cooler weather by Wednesday. Some uncertainty in the detail of cloud cover.

Headline for Monday 21 Sep 2020: Dry with hazy sunshine and blustery southwest winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 21 Sep 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	10%

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Weather: Dry conditions expected through the day with some hazy sunshine, especially across the Cairngorms. Lower cloud will develop across ranges west of the A9.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% east, 60% falling 20% west as cloud thickens and lowers to around 700-900m.

Visibility: Hill fog largely limited to the Creag Meagaidh and Ben Alder areas, within which visibility will be limited to less than a kilometre leading to some tricky navigation. Elsewhere, no issues expected.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	34/44 SW	28/39 SW	23/32 SW	21/30 W	22/30 W	19/28 SW	19/27 SW
900	30/37 SW	23/30 SW	19/27 SW	18/25 SW	20/26 SW	19/25 SW	18/25 SW
600	16/21 SW	14/21 SW	15/23 SW	15/22 SW	14/21 SW	12/19 SW	11/18 SW
300	5/17 SW	7/19 SW	11/22 SW	11/22 SW	9/19 SW	8/19 SW	7/17 SW
Glen	7/29 SW	7/24 SW	7/21 SW	5/18 SW	5/17 SW	4/15 SW	5/16 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/3	8/3	8/4	7/2	5/-0	4/-1	4/-1
900	11/6	10/6	10/6	9/5	7/3	7/3	7/3
600	12/9	12/9	12/9	11/8	9/7	9/6	9/7
300	9/8	12/10	13/11	13/11	12/10	11/9	10/9
Glen	10/7	12/10	14/13	15/14	12/11	11/10	10/9
Freezing Level*	2300m	2300m	2200m	2400m	2300m	2600m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be aware of increasing amounts of hill fog in the west. Winds close to 50mph across the Cairngorm Plateau initially.

Forecast for Tuesday 22 Sep 2020

Weather: A cloudy and perhaps dull start with plenty of cloud shrouding the hills. Increasingly windy as an area of low pressure passing close to the north of Scotland, this also bringing a spell of rain to all areas through early afternoon. A few showers will follow later in the afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: Southwest 30-35 gusting 45mph initially, increasing 45-50 gusting 60mph from mid to late morning. Gusts closer to 75mph across the Cairngorm Plateau. Veering West 20-30 gusting up to 40mph through afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% through the bulk of the day with large areas of cloud above 600m. Improving 60% through evening.

Visibility: Reduced to a few kilometres in rain and cloud. Otherwise, reasonable visibility on lower slopes.

Temperature: **Glens:** 10-12C, rising 15C then falling 7C by midnight.
At 800m: 7-9C.
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 1200m through evening.

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